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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 67.6 degrees, 0.3 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, September 12. Precipitation averaged 2.27 inches, 1.65 inches above normal. Growing degree days were 17 points below normal.

Reporters rated 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, September 10. This is 2.3 days below last year and 1.9 days less the 1999-03 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 5 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 30 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

| | Current week | Previous week | Since 1 st week of April |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2004 | 4.0 | 4.8 | 96.6 |
| 2003 | 6.3 | 1.7 | 86.7 |
| 1999-2003 Average | 5.9 | 5.5 | 110.6 |

Topsoil Moisture

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|---------------------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| Current Week | 0 | 5 | 65 | 30 |
| Last Week | 1 | 11 | 77 | 11 |
| Same Week Last Year | 0 | 4 | 83 | 13 |
| 1999-2003 Average | 25 | 22 | 48 | 5 |

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12

Corn is roughly 85 percent dented, is about eight days ahead of 2003 and five days ahead of the 1999-2003 average. Respondents estimate corn is 17 percent mature, about 10 days ahead of last year but slightly behind the five-year average. Farmers have 33 percent of **Corn silage** harvested, compared to 22 percent the previous year and 38 for the 1999-2003 year average. Thirty-eight percent of **Soybeans**

are dropping leaves, compared to 21 percent in 2003 and 41 percent for the five-year average. Soybeans are eight percent mature, five days ahead of last year but two days behind the 1999-2003 average. Farmers have one percent of soybeans harvested. This is five days ahead of 2002 and about the same as the five-year average. **Potatoes** are at 83 percent harvested. This is 13 days ahead of last year and 17 days ahead of the 1999-2003 average. Ohio **Cucumber** growers have 73 percent of their crop harvested, compared to 85 percent the previous year, and 90 percent for the 1999-2003 average. The third cutting of **Alfalfa hay** is 84 percent complete, about four days ahead of last year, but about four days behind the 1999-2003 average. The fourth cutting of alfalfa hay is 19 percent complete, about two days behind last year and nine days behind the five-year average. The second cutting of **Other Hay** is 95 percent complete, compared to 97 percent in 2003 and 99 percent for the five-year average. The third cutting of other hay is 46 percent complete, about the same as last year, but nine days behind the five-year average. **Summer Apples** are currently 96 percent harvested, while **Fall apples** are 15 percent complete. The **Peach** harvest is 99 percent completed. Vegetable growers have 58 percent of **Processing Tomatoes** harvested, compared to 39 percent last year and 54 percent for the 1999-2003 average. **Grape** producers have 28 percent of their crop harvested.

The remains of hurricane Frances hit the state of Ohio last Wednesday dumping lots of rain on the eastern and central parts of the state. Several counties reported more than six inches of rainfall during the week. The excess moisture stopped most field activities throughout the state, except on the western side which saw little or no rainfall from Frances. During the week farmers harvested small amounts of soybeans, chopped silage and baled hay. Vegetable growers continue harvesting tomatoes but the cooler temperatures have delayed tomato development in northern parts of the state.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Soybeans condition at 57 percent good to excellent, compared to 59 percent last week. Soybean farmers are concerned about getting their crops out before the first frost. Respondents have indicated some potatoes are rotting sue to excess moisture.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12

| Crop | 2004 | 2003 | 1999-03 Average | Previous Week | |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|-----------------|---------------|------|
| | | | | Ohio | U.S. |
| Alfalfa Hay 3 rd cutting | 84 | 78 | 89 | 75 | NA |
| Alfalfa Hay 4 th cutting | 19 | 22 | 34 | 14 | NA |
| Apples harvested (fall) | 15 | 16 | 19 | 10 | NA |
| Apples harvested (summer) | 96 | 100 | 98 | 95 | NA |
| Corn dented | 85 | 65 | 76 | 69 | 61 |
| Corn mature | 17 | 5 | 19 | 5 | 17 |
| Corn silage harvested | 33 | 22 | 38 | 17 | NA |
| Cucumbers harvested | 73 | 85 | 90 | 63 | NA |
| Grapes harvested | 28 | 9 | 25 | 19 | NA |
| Other Hay 2 nd cutting | 95 | 97 | 99 | 93 | NA |
| Other Hay 3 rd cutting | 46 | 46 | 62 | 36 | NA |
| Peaches harvested | 99 | 97 | 97 | 97 | NA |
| Potatoes harvested | 83 | 63 | 64 | 73 | NA |
| Processing tomatoes harvested | 58 | 39 | 54 | 43 | NA |
| Soybeans dropping leaves | 38 | 21 | 41 | 21 | 15 |
| Soybeans mature | 8 | 2 | 11 | 3 | NA |
| Soybeans harvested | 1 | NA | 1 | NA | NA |

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 12

| | | | | | |
|---------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| CORN | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| Current Week | 3 | 9 | 24 | 47 | 17 |
| Previous Week | 3 | 9 | 25 | 47 | 16 |
| Previous Year | 2 | 7 | 24 | 45 | 22 |
| HAY | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| Current Week | 3 | 8 | 25 | 53 | 11 |
| Previous Week | 2 | 8 | 28 | 50 | 12 |
| Previous Year | 4 | 8 | 30 | 46 | 12 |
| PASTURE | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| Current Week | 1 | 5 | 26 | 56 | 12 |
| Previous Week | 1 | 7 | 25 | 55 | 12 |
| Previous Year | 2 | 4 | 21 | 54 | 19 |
| SOYBEANS | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| Current Week | 5 | 10 | 28 | 44 | 13 |
| Previous Week | 4 | 10 | 27 | 46 | 13 |
| Previous Year | 3 | 8 | 27 | 46 | 16 |

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12

| Region | Temperature | | Precipitation | | | | Growing Degree Days ^{1/} | | | |
|-----------------|-------------|------|---------------|-------|-------------|-------|-----------------------------------|------|-------------|------|
| | Last Week | Dev. | Last Week | Dev. | Since Apr.1 | Dev. | Last Week | Dev. | Since Apr.1 | Dev. |
| Northwest | 67.5 | 0.6 | 0.79 | 0.08 | 22.60 | 3.53 | 107 | -14 | 2599 | -55 |
| North Central | 66.5 | -0.4 | 1.59 | 0.89 | 24.22 | 4.70 | 100 | -20 | 2573 | -40 |
| Northeast | 65.9 | 0.3 | 3.29 | 2.46 | 26.71 | 6.58 | 97 | -17 | 2395 | -69 |
| West Central | 67.7 | 0.0 | 0.46 | -0.17 | 23.14 | 2.53 | 110 | -16 | 2766 | 6 |
| Central | 68.3 | 0.6 | 1.97 | 1.42 | 25.99 | 5.10 | 112 | -15 | 2828 | 43 |
| Central Hills | 66.2 | -0.1 | 2.29 | 1.66 | 29.08 | 8.26 | 99 | -19 | 2567 | -23 |
| Northeast Hills | 65.4 | -1.2 | 3.64 | 2.95 | 30.72 | 10.08 | 95 | -25 | 2572 | -53 |
| Southwest | 68.8 | -0.2 | 0.74 | 0.16 | 22.63 | 0.86 | 113 | -21 | 2945 | 37 |
| South Central | 69.9 | 1.0 | 3.72 | 3.25 | 26.41 | 5.86 | 119 | -14 | 3037 | 97 |
| Southeast | 68.6 | 1.0 | 4.29 | 3.79 | 27.84 | 7.03 | 113 | -13 | 2820 | 48 |
| STATE | 67.6 | 0.3 | 2.27 | 1.65 | 25.75 | 5.25 | 108 | -17 | 2728 | 4 |

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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